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tery, 3 by diphtheria, 1 by grippe, 1 by glanders, 8 by pneumonia, and 41 by tuberculosis.

All of the 16 deaths from yellow fever during the week occurred among Spanish soldiers in the military hospitals, and all of the 22 from smallpox were among civilians in different parts of the city.

Heavy rains for five consecutive days during last and parts of this week followed by quite cool weather have undoubtedly had a tendency to check temporarily the spread of yellow fever.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. M. BURGESS,  
*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

#### INDIA.

*Remarks on the official summary of deaths and births in the city of Bombay for the week ending March 16, 1897.*

BOMBAY, March 18, 1897.

SIR: The local plague commission are establishing hospitals in every ward. They have started house to-house inspection, providing accommodation for those rendered homeless by destruction of uninhabitable and insanitary houses. The increased vigor and thoroughness of the commission operate in contributing to decrease the death rate locally. There is no improvement in the interior. A large reflux of population is expected next week after holidays. Business still paralyzed. Dr. Yersin's treatment appears to show equally good results here as in Hongkong.

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| Population according to census of 1891.....                                                                                                        | 821, 764 |
| Present population, for the purpose of this report, estimated one-half the above.....                                                              | 410, 882 |
| Total number of deaths reported for the week.....                                                                                                  | 1, 258   |
| Total number of deaths for corresponding week last year.....                                                                                       | 575      |
| Mean number of deaths corresponding weeks, previous five years.....                                                                                | 534      |
| Allowing that one-half the population has left the city, the proportionate number of deaths based on the mean of previous five years would be..... | 267      |
| Number of deaths last week that may be attributed to plague.....                                                                                   | 991      |
| Average per day from plague.....                                                                                                                   | 142      |
| Number of deaths from plague officially reported for week.....                                                                                     | 497      |
| Average per day.....                                                                                                                               | 71       |
| Probable average number of deaths per day from plague reported as having died of other diseases.....                                               | 71       |
| Officially reported death rate for last week per 1,000.....                                                                                        | 142      |
| Same for corresponding week last year.....                                                                                                         | 78. 59   |
| Mean number for corresponding week previous five years.....                                                                                        | 34. 99   |
| Number of births reported last week.....                                                                                                           | 32. 01   |
| Number for corresponding week last year.....                                                                                                       | 97       |
| Mean number for corresponding week previous five years.....                                                                                        | 357      |
|                                                                                                                                                    | 253      |

C. F. MEYER,  
*United States Vice-Consul.*

*Remarks on the official summary of deaths and births in the city of Bombay for the week ended March 23, 1897.*

BOMBAY, March 25, 1897.

SIR: All are greatly encouraged to hope by the decreasing mortality that we have seen the worst of the plague in Bombay, but it is expected

that with the return of large numbers of the population the mortality may correspondingly rise again. Three Europeans have died from this cause during the past week and several more were attacked who are not yet out of danger. Little confidence is felt generally in the efficacy of the prophylactic treatment of Drs. Yersin and Haffkine, though large numbers of natives and Europeans are offering themselves for inoculation. The cause of the outbreak and the best method of successful treatment are still among the things to be discovered. The pestilence in many cases assumes the most virulent form, like the black death in Europe, which defies any treatment.

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| Population according to census of 1891.....                                                                                                        | 821, 764 |
| Present population, for the purpose of this report, estimated one-half the above..                                                                 | 410, 882 |
| Total number of deaths reported for the week.....                                                                                                  | 1, 139   |
| Total number of deaths for corresponding week last year.....                                                                                       | 584      |
| Mean of corresponding week previous five years .....                                                                                               | 539      |
| Allowing that one-half the population has left the city, the proportionate number of deaths based on the mean of previous five years would be..... | 269      |
| Number of deaths last week that may be attributed to plague.....                                                                                   | 870      |
| Average per day from plague.....                                                                                                                   | 124      |
| Number of deaths from plague officially reported for week.....                                                                                     | 438      |
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| Average per day .....                                                                                                                              | 63       |
| Probable average number of deaths per day from plague reported as having died of other diseases.....                                               | 61       |
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| Officially reported death rate for last week per 1,000.....                                                                                        | 124      |
| Same for corresponding week last year.....                                                                                                         | 70. 55   |
| Mean for corresponding week previous five years.....                                                                                               | 34. 61   |
| Number of births reported last week.....                                                                                                           | 32. 20   |
| Number of births for corresponding week last year.....                                                                                             | 37       |
| Mean number for corresponding week previous five years .....                                                                                       | 330      |
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*United States Vice-Consul.*

#### JAPAN.

#### *Sanitary report from Yokohama and Tokyo.*

YOKOHAMA, *April 3, 1897.*

SIR : I have the honor to report that the smallpox epidemic in this city and its suburbs is declining in severity, as shown by the following return of cases: March 24, 8 cases, 9 deaths; March 25, 1 case, no deaths; March 26, 9 cases, 3 deaths; March 27, 5 cases, 1 death; March 28, no cases, no deaths; March 29, 11 cases, 4 deaths; March 30, 6 cases, 5 deaths; March 31, 3 cases, 1 death. Total, 43 cases; 23 deaths.

A few cases of typhus fever are still met with in Tokyo, but although I am unable to present the statistics, I am satisfied that at present this disease is not increasing.

A tolerably severe epidemic of measles, not, however, of a fatal type, is now prevailing both in Tokyo and Yokohama.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,  
*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

YOKOHAMA, *April 3, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious disease in Japan, for period March 24 to March 31, inclusive.